

2. (Amended) The laminated beverage carrier for beverage containers of
claim 1 wherein said cellulosic fibers are selected from the group consisting of
unbleached virgin kraft pulp and recycled pulp.

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3. (Amended) The laminated beverage carrier for beverage containers of
claim 1 further comprising a layer of water absorbent material disposed on the inner
surface of said base layer.

4. (Amended) The laminated beverage carrier for beverage containers of
claim 3 further comprising a film of water resistant adhesive bonding said absorbent
material to said base layer.